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SUBJ: VISIT OF ABRAHAM S. KARLIKOW TO VIENNA

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1. ABRAHAM S. KARLIKOW, EUROPEAN DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, CALLED ON ME MORNING OCT 2 AT HIS REQUEST TO DISCUSS RECENT AUSTRIAN DECISION TO CLOSE TRANSIT FACILITIES AND WHAT, IF ANY, SUBSTITUTE ARRANGEMENTS AUSTRIANS MIGHT BE PREPARED TO AGREE ON.

2. I INFORMED HIM THAT WE HAD EXPRESSED OUR INTEREST AND CONCERN IN MATTER TO AUSTRIANS, BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND VIENNA, IN LAST DAYS AND WERE IN TOUCH WITH NUMBER OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING ISRAELIS ON SUBJECT. WE HAD NOT MADE ANY PROPOSALS TO GOA ON ALTERNATE MEASURES, CONSIDERING THAT TO BE MATTER BETWEEN AUSTRIANS AND ISRAELIS. WE INDICATED TO KARLIKOW THAT WE THOUGH CHANCELLOR KREISKY WOULD PROBABLY ADDRESS HIMSELF TO QUESTION OF FUTURE AUSTRIAN HANDLING OF SOVIET JEWS TRANSITTING AUSTRIA AT PRESS CONFERENCE, NOW SCHEDULED 4 PM GMT TODAY, FOLLOWING KREISKY-MEIR MEETING.
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3. KARLIKOW EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INFORMATION WE PROVIDED
AND FOR ASSISTANCE EXTENDED BY USG TO SOVIET JEWS. HE SAID
HE WOULD STAY IN VIENNA FOR FEW DAYS AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH
WITH US AGAIN LATER.HUMES

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